



Tier II Consultation Meeting Minutes – February, 29 2016

Participants:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Agency. Includes participants like John Donovan (FHWA), Michael Leslie (USEPA), Ross Patronsky (CMAP), etc.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2015

On a motion by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Mr. Leslie the minutes were approved as amended which including Mark Pitstick in attendance and Mr. Runkle as IDOT rather than FHWA.

4.0 Semi-Annual GO TO 2040 and TIP Conformity Amendment

Mr. Patronsky reported that the semi-annual GO TO 2040 and TIP conformity amendment had been posted on CMAP’s website for public comment; no comments were received. He also stated that the conformity amendments would be presented to CMAP’s Transportation Committee, Regional Coordinating Committee and then to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval in March, 2016. The Consultation Team had no comments of its own.

5.0 Update to Monthly and Daily VMT inputs and to MOVES model

Mr. Patronsky stated that at the last meeting all the attendees were in agreement regarding the inputs to be used in the MOVES model except that IEPA had requested more time to discuss the matter as they were in the process of transitioning to new staff for this committee. Mr. Patronsky stated the IEPA had subsequently reviewed the inputs and indicated via email that they were also in agreement. Mr. Patronsky then asked if everyone was still in agreement on the MOVES inputs and everyone in attendance or on the phone indicated that they were in agreement.

6.0 Transition to MOVES 2014a model

Mr. Patronsky stated that CMAP would be transitioning to the new MOVES model, MOVES 2014a for the next conformity analysis. It was also pointed out that there have been some technical challenges involved in getting MOVES 2014a to work. Mr. Leslie stated that the US EPA is aware of a number of technical issues that users have been experiencing.

7.0 Ozone NAAQS Update

Mr. Patronsky asked on the status and process of the Ozone NAAQS Update. Mr. Leslie indicated initial action is anticipated this year but that IEPA could provide more information. Mr. Bloomberg said that states have until October 1, 2016 to make recommendations regarding nonattainment areas. IEPA will use 2016 data in their recommendation, and will try to make a presentation on their recommendation, although the timing will be tight.

He also stated that it was unclear what affect the summer of 2017 might have on the recommendation as the ozone season does not end until after US EPA is scheduled to make designations. Mr. Leslie stated that there would not be enough time to certify the 2017 data to influence things one way or the other. Mr. Bloomberg thought that if the 2017 ozone season started off with exceedances that US EPA might take that into account, but if it didn't they wouldn't.

Mr. Bloomberg stated that the northeastern Illinois is likely to be in marginal non-attainment status and that they did not foresee any new Illinois counties being recommended for nonattainment designation. It is possible that East St. Louis may be in attainment.

8.0 Ozone attainment status

Mr. Asselmeier stated that IEPA was working with Wisconsin, Indiana, and US EPA on a redesignation request, and that the holdup has been the development of motor vehicle emissions budgets for northeastern Illinois. IEPA is in the process of exchanging inventory numbers with Wisconsin and Indiana. They are also working on a draft document that is needed for a public hearing.

The public hearing process will likely take at least 2 ½ months when the public comment and notice time are taken into consideration. Mr. Asselmeier said it would likely be early to mid-summer before IEPA makes a submittal to US EPA. Mr. Asselmeier also stated that the summer of 2016 can have an effect on what they do – if there are any violations in 2016, US EPA has said that that might be an issue for them. Mr. Patronsky CMAP’s MOVES runs had yielded a higher than expected VOC emissions inventory; he asked whether that will create a problem for the SIP budget. Mr. Asselmeier said that, as shown on the slides included in the meeting materials, there is an adequate margin of safety. Mr. Patronsky said that CMAP would double check the data they are using to ensure that emissions inventories forwarded to IEPA are accurate.

9.0 Revocation of 1997 PM_{2.5} standard

Mr. Leslie stated that the current standard would likely be revoked in late spring or early summer. That in turn would mean that CMAP is no longer required to run a regional emissions analysis for PM_{2.5}, nor will implementers be required to assess the need for PM_{2.5} hot spot analyses. Mr. Leslie then said that when CMAP does conformity in the fall of 2016, PM_{2.5} will not need to be included. Mr. Patronsky then asked if it was still required for NEPA and Mr. Leslie responded that it can be done but won’t be required.

10.0 Updated Transportation Conformity SIP

Mr. Leslie stated that US EPA was working with IEPA on a conformity SIP.

11.0 Long- Range Plan

Ms. Schuh gave a brief overview of the process that will be used to develop ON TO 2050, highlighting the snapshot reports and strategy papers for the plan development along with the timeline for plan development and adoption. All of this information was contained in a brochure that was handed out and can also be found on the CMAP website, <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050>.

ON TO 2050 will build on GO TO 2040, but will provide more specificity to implement the plan recommendations. In addition, the scenarios [words not coming here – seems like they had been policy alternatives in 2010, are focused more on anticipated futures this time]

Ms. Schuh noted that the kickoff for the plan will be on March 2, 2016. A series of open houses around the region will also be held. CMAP staff are beginning to develop a list of regionally significant projects, based on the criteria for identifying them.

She finished by stating that the plan will be finalized in late 2017 to early 2018, with public comment following, and adoption in the fall of 2018.

Mr. Donovan asked for more information regarding the Climate Resilience snapshot. Ms. Schuh stated that Kristin Ihnchak from CMAP and the Chicago Community Trust (CCT) were leading this effort and that the CCT had hired a consultant to work on this.

12.0 Major Capital Project Updates

Mr. Patrosky gave a brief update on the status of Major Capital Projects stating that more information is available on the Transportation Committee [minutes](#) page.

13.0 Other Business

None

14.0 Public Comment

None.

15.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Tier II Consultation Team Members:

	CMAP		FHWA		FTA		IDOT
	IEPA		RTA		USEPA		